

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 21-41 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The remarks submitted 1/22/2010, explaining that item DR of Simon was not an installation surface, but rather a reflective disk have convinced the examiner that the claims read over Simon (US 7,118,253 A).

Regarding claim 21, prior art fails to teach or make obvious a built-in lamp having a holder for fastening in an installation surface, a reflector extending beyond the installation surface, with the reflector being coupled in the region extending beyond the installation surface to a reflection element which extends transversely to the main direction of illumination and is spaced from the installation surface, the reflection element being arranged outside the reflector and being illuminated by light via the region lying between the installation surface and the reflection element so that at least a portion of the light impinging the reflection element is reflected directly against the installation surface, wherein the light is provided by at least one reflector which is made translucent or transparent at least sectionally in its region extending between the installation surface and the reflection element.

Regarding claim 41, prior art fails to teach or make obvious a built-in lamp having a holder for fastening in an installation surface, a reflector extending beyond the installation surface, with the reflector being coupled in the region extending beyond the installation surface to a reflection element which extends transversely to the main

direction of illumination and is spaced from the installation surface, the reflection element being arranged outside the reflector and being illuminated by light via the region lying between the installation surface and the reflection element so that at least a portion of the light impinging the reflection element is reflected directly against the installation surface, wherein the light is provided by at least one additional light discharge region which extends around an outer perimeter of the reflector.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mary Zettl whose telephone number is 571-272-6007. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandy O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Sandra L. O'Shea/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2875

MZ
/Mary Zetti/